

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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May 4, 2004

FROM: JAMES A. FELTEN, Public Health Director
Department of Public Health

SUBJECT: AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, FOR ADMINISTRATION OF TARGETED CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES TO ELIGIBLE MEDI-CAL BENEFICIARIES

RECOMMENDATION: Approve Agreement with the State of California, Department of Health Services (SDHS) for the administration of Targeted Case Management (TCM) services to eligible Medi-Cal beneficiaries in San Bernardino County.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: This item recommends renewal of the Agreement with the State that delineates the Department of Public Health (DPH) responsibilities as a Local Governmental Agency (LGA) for the administration of TCM services.

The California Welfare and Institutions Code Section 14113 requires the State to enter into cooperative arrangements with other agencies or departments responsible for health services to ensure the appropriate utilization of services. DPH is designated as the LGA responsible for providing health related administrative activities in San Bernardino County. The mutual objectives of the State and San Bernardino County are to assist eligible individuals in gaining access to needed medical, social, educational, and other State reimbursable services.

The TCM program involves documenting existing reimbursable services to existing clients. Billable TCM services include assessment, development of case plans, linkages and consultation with service providers, assistance in accessing services, crisis assistance planning, and periodic review of case plans and related services.

In San Bernardino County, DPH performs TCM activities on behalf of the State Department of Health Services to assist in the proper and efficient administration of the Medi-Cal program by ensuring the availability and accessibility of Medi-Cal services to Medi-Cal eligible and potentially eligible individuals and their families.

TCM activities include, but are not limited to:

- A. Public Guardian: Title 19 eligible individuals, 18 years or older, who have exhibited an inability to handle personal, medical or financial or other affairs. Who are under conservatorship of person or estate or representative payee.

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B. Public Health Nursing: High risk persons identified as having a need for public health case management services, including the following individuals:

1. Women, infants, children, 21 years and below
2. Persons with HIV/AIDS
3. Persons with reportable Communicable Disease
4. Pregnant Women
5. Persons who are technology dependent
6. Persons who are medically fragile
7. Persons with multiple diagnoses

C. Aging and Independent: Title XIX eligible individuals, 18 years or older, in frail health and in need of assistance to access services in order to prevent institutionalization.

D. Community: Medi-Cal eligible adults and children at risk of abuse and unfavorable developmental, behavioral, psychological, or social outcomes including the following individuals:

1. Persons abusing alcohol or drugs, or both
2. Persons at risk of physical, sexual, or emotional abuse
3. Persons at risk of neglect

REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY OTHERS: This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Charles Larkin, Deputy County Counsel, (909) 387-4177) on April 21, 2004. This item has also been reviewed by the County Administrative Office (Beatriz Valdez, Administrative Analyst, (909) 388-0211) on April 22, 2004.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: Approval of this item will result in no local cost to the County. Expenditures are fully reimbursable through the contract with the State. The Department has included in its FY 2004-05 budget the estimated revenue to be generated by the TCM program.

COST REDUCTION REVIEW: The County Administrative Office has reviewed this agenda item and concurs with the Department's proposal and recommends this action because revenues fully cover all costs associated with providing this service and partially offset County costs associated with filing DPH's Medi-Cal claims.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): All

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